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1. On 25 September 1952, 16 x 122-mm field howitzers were seen on the west side of Highway No 102 south of Rathenow (N 53/4 15) and north of Premnitz, while 74 rocket launchers, an undetermined number of trucks, 46 tanks, 4 x 37-mm AA guns and at least 300 troops were seen on the opposite side of the road. About 5:30 p.m. on 26 September, about 1,000 troops, 180 trucks, 42 JS-3 tanks and 64 T-34 tanks, were seen at the same place. On 25 and 26 September, there was intensive air activity by jet and ground attack aircraft flying in formations of 2, 4 and 10 planes. At 5:45 p.m. on 26 September, 12 boxcars and 50 flatcars were assembled at the Premnitz railroad station. *

2. During the period from 15 to 18 September, a large unit from the Adler Kaserne and the Loewen Kaserne was engaged in field exercises. Troops and materiel observed with this unit when it departed from, and returned to, the barracks installations included: 10 T-34 tanks, 1A-64 armored reconnaissance cars without numbers, 2 trucks mounting twin machine guns, 4 x 45-mm AT guns, 4 x 76.2-mm AT guns, 4 field kitchens and trucks

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25X1 [redacted] Comment. The data contained in the present report confirms information according to which exercises involving units of the Fourth Army and elements of the IV Army Corps took place in the Rathenow-Nauen area after 23 September 1952. [redacted]

25X1 The intensive air activity reported in connection with these exercises was previously observed on similar occasions. As one of the motor vehicle numbers reported in reference, belongs to the 25th W. Brig, some of the rocket launchers observed may have belonged to this brigade. The observation that railroad cars were made available at Premnitz indicates that the exercises had terminated.

25X1 [redacted] Comment. The return to the Loewen Kaserne of units of the 1st Meck Div on 19 September was previously reported [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] The units observed are believed to belong to the 19th Meck Regt. They returned from exercises either in the Rathenow-Thinow area or in the Doberitz training area.

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